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New man steps into jazz band

Noelle Ott
Staff Writer

This semester the Missouri Southern Jazz Orchestra welcomed a new director to its group. Dr. Jeremy Kushner is the new director for the Jazz Orchestra. When Dr. Philip Wise stepped down from that position and into the position of Department Music Head, he asked Kushner if he would be interested in leading the orchestra. Kushner immediately said 'yes'.
"He's doing a great job," Joel Thomas, senior, secondary education, said, "I think [the experience with Kushner] will be good."
Kushner has been involved in music since an early age as both of his parents taught music at the collegiate level. He plays everything in the percussion family from a jazz drum set to the marimba. Kushner received his doctorate from Arizona State University. Missouri Southern hired him three years ago.
Although he always loved music, Kushner didn't decide he wanted to teach at the collegiate level until he was in high school.
"I thought that it was a very rewarding career," Kushner said. "Plus I really like teaching; as I teach I learn. It's an exchange."
Kushner's expectations for this year mainly include keeping the orchestra at the high level it has already established. He mentioned this is a transition period, but he's always wanted to do something like this.

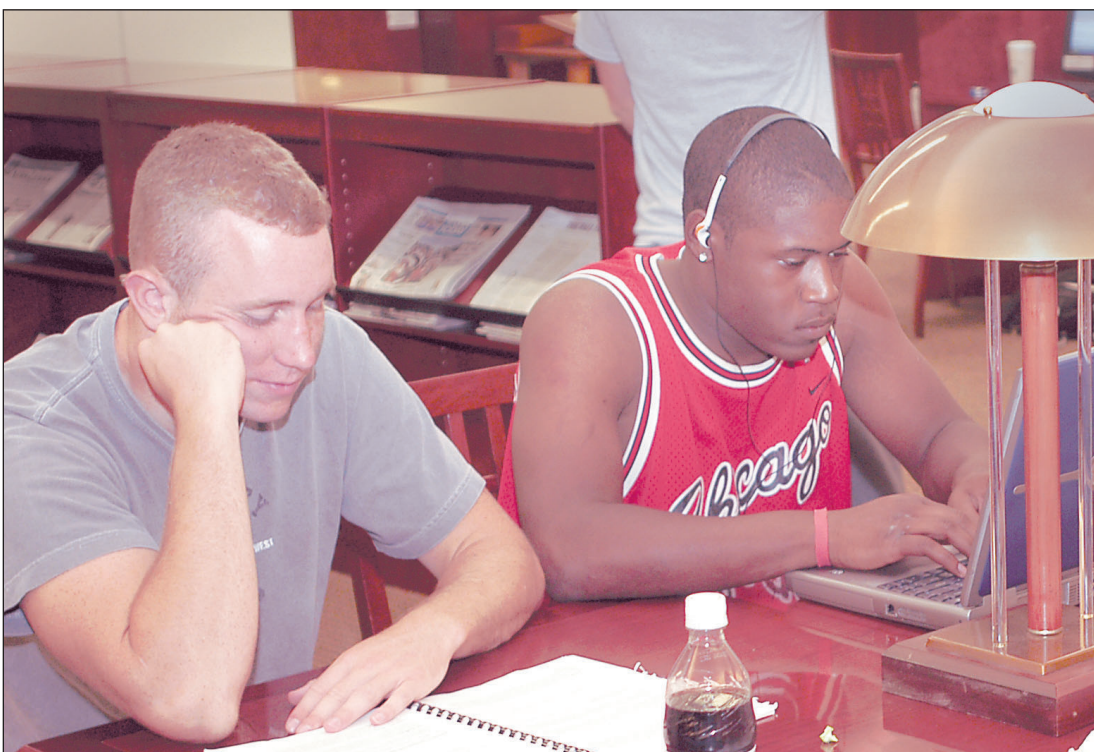
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RESPECTFUL SALUTE



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Fellow officers and his brothers carry the casket of Joplin Police Officer Timothy Nielson at his funeral Sept. 18. Nielson was a Southern alumnus who was injured during a call Aug. 10 when the house he and another officer were in exploded. Nielson died Sept. 13 from injuries he sustained in the explosion. He was given a policeman's burial attended by police departments around the region.



Adam Fast/The Chart

Sam Bohing, freshman undecided major, left, and Brandon Holland, freshman graphic design major, work during the football team's study hall in Spiva Library.

Athletes juggle studies, sports

Balance between school and sports not always easy

By Monique Jamerson
Public Forum Editor

Time management seems to be the way to juggle academics and sports for the athletes at Missouri Southern.
Sarah Wallace, sophomore secondary education major, said juggling sports and academics is difficult but it all boils down to time management.
Wallace is on the cross country and track and field teams. She is also in the honors program and is taking 17 hours this semester.
"If I have something due for a particular class, I will get that done first, and it leaves time for other things," Wallace said. "Don't procrastinate, just get it done."
"I approach school like a job, you've got to

work from 8 to 4," she said.
Amy Barnicle, sophomore secondary education, plays volleyball at Missouri Southern and is also in the honors program.
Barnicle said she uses sports as a way to clear her mind.
"I do well in school because I have sports to lean on," Barnicle said.
She said the hardest thing about being involved in sports and going to school is when the team has to travel.
"Missing class and doing work on the bus has to be the hardest thing to do," Barnicle said.
Wallace agreed that the doing work on the bus can be a little difficult.
"It seems as though we are in school all week and then we have meets on the weekend," Wallace said.
Wallace said that although times get rough she still enjoys being apart of a team.

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Campus offers voter registration

Oct. 6 set as last day to sign up

By Kathleen Cunningham
Staff Writer

A need for on campus voter registration at Missouri Southern may have been long time coming.
In the Student Services office, room 211 on the second floor of Billingsly Student Center, a student living in Missouri now can register to vote until Oct. 6 for the upcoming presidential election.
It is now mentioned in the Student Handbook as well.
Christy Phillips, secretary to the dean of students, can assist students with voter registration.
"[The] advantages are for a student who doesn't know where to go and it's more convenient than the courthouse or DMV," Phillips said.
"Since sending out an email,

we have received quite a few people come."
Students were also registered at Fall Forward week.
All Freshman Orientation classes were told they can register as well.
Many students weren't aware there was a place at Southern to register to vote.
"I didn't know about it, said Allan Smith, freshman speech and theatre major. "I'm hardly ever on campus."
He said it was a good thing for more people to vote because he thought it was the way the country should be.
Other students agreed.
"No I didn't know about voter registration on campus," said Stacy Orr, junior elementary education major. "I'm a registered voter. It's more convenient for freshmen who are new to the area and don't know where to go."
"I did know about voter registration on campus and I'm a registered voter," said Julie

Bakker, freshman undecided major. "I think it's a good idea for those who want to vote in Missouri."
Some who were not of age to vote weren't aware of on-campus voter registration.
"I'm not old enough to vote, said Juli Kidd, freshman undecided major. "I didn't know about it. I tune stuff out about voting when it comes on. I'm from Arkansas and would rather vote in my hometown."
Others disagreed.
"I didn't know where it was but I had heard about it," said Richard Warden, freshman political science major. "[Registering on campus] saves time from running to the courthouse or DMV"
The consensus was mixed.
"If you won't take the time to go to the courthouse, there are so many different opportunities too," said Karen Millis, freshman political science major. "There's no reason not to."

Crime lab frees up working space

Grants allow office to renovate additional classrooms

By Nate Billings
Executive Editor

Since 1972, the Missouri Southern crime lab has been updated only a few times.
Once was six years ago, when the lab gained some rooms from two adjoining classrooms.
Two grants totaling \$150,000 allowed the crime lab to renovate storage areas and another classroom for its use.
The classroom will be made into offices for each of the crime lab workers and a secretary.
There will also be room for a new set of cabinets

for reports, which go back to when the lab was first opened. A new system computer will also be put in place for an internal case file search. A video center will also be put into the new space for press releases and possible video training.
However, Dr. Phillip Whittle, crime lab director, said one of the most important things to come from the grant is the extra space.
"We had just completely saturated the space we had," he said. "We've added about 50 percent more space."

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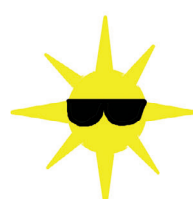
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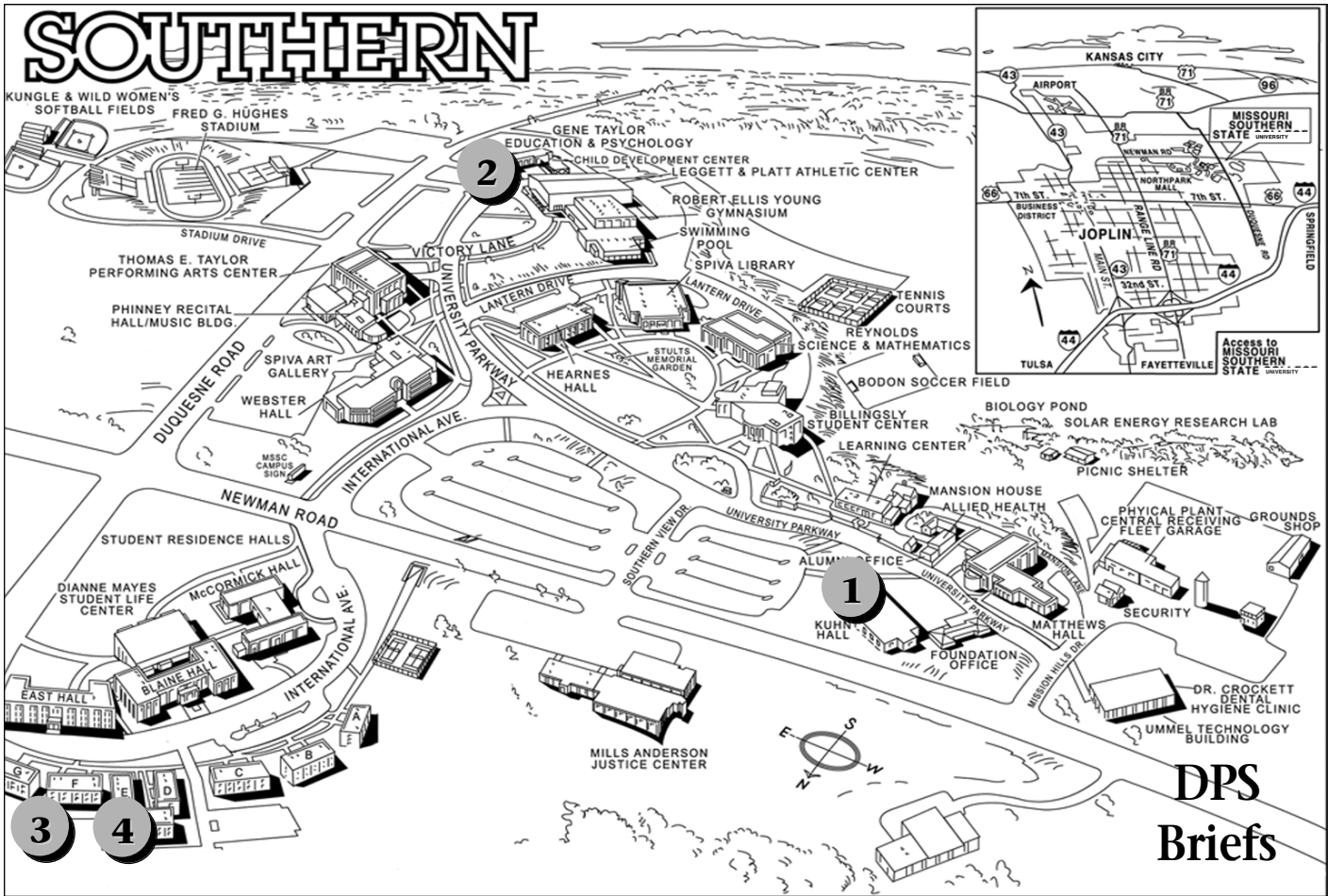
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DPS Briefs

Vehicle lingers for five months in lot

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3:45 p.m.	1:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
Security was contacted after a student accidentally took the wrong pills from a folder. This was after one of the janitorial staff members allowed the student into a secured area. The incident was looked into, however, security determined there was no criminal intent. The pills were reported as returned.	While on foot patrol, an officer noticed a white male sitting near the south doors of Taylor Hall. The officer asked the subject his name, but the subject did not respond. After the officer asked what the person was doing there, the subject tried to push the officer away. The officer grabbed the subject's shirt, which then ripped as the subject pulled away. He then ran onto Duquesne Road. No property damage was reported. JPD was contacted about the incident.	A white Thunderbird was sitting on a jack in lot 25 since Sept. 7. The vehicle had no campus sticker in the window, and had been issued several tickets. The vehicle has since been taken care of.	A vehicle has been sitting in lot 25 for five months. Security has notified the owner about the vehicle. Tickets and notices have been issued to the owner stating the vehicle must be moved, however, the owner says the vehicle does not run. The owner is not a student at Missouri Southern.

Compiled from Public Safety reports

Campus Calendar

Hospice Walk scheduled with team and individual prizes

The Mercy Regional Health Foundation will sponsor the 22nd annual Walk for Hospice Sept. 25. The walk will be in Cunningham Park. Registration for the walk will begin at 9 a.m. with the opening ceremonies at 9:45 a.m. The walk will officially start at 10 a.m. Walkers receive a free picnic lunch and prizes. The first 200 registered to raise \$50 or more are eligible for free t-shirts. Individual and team prizes will be awarded as well. For more information, call Mercy Regional Health Foundation at 625-2266.

Hall of fame inducts five new members including pastor

Five new members of the University's Hall of Fame will be inducted Saturday during the Homecoming halftime festivities.

Tongula Givens ran track and field from 1993 to 95. Andrea (Clark) Keene pitched softball from 1991-92 and again during 1994-95. Brian Larson played baseball in 1991 and 92. Billy Jack Smith played football from 1980 to 1983.

A non-athlete inductee of the hall of fame is Henry Pullman, Joplin. He is an area minister and has counseled several Southern student-athletes. He has also attended many of the Southern sporting events from 1967 to the present day.

Wildcat Glades raises money for Audubon Center with music

An Audubon Center fund-raiser will be from 5-9 p.m. Oct. 9 in Wildcat Park. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. There will be food, beverages and a silent auction. Live music will be provided by 32nd Street Band. For more information contact Tony Robyn, executive director Wildcat Glades Conservation and Audubon Center, at 623-2211.

Organization leaders invited to attend networking reception

Student organization leaders are invited to attend a networking reception 6-7:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Billingsley Student Center. The reception is open to all student leaders and members of campus organizations. Anyone wishing to attend must contact Career Services at 625-9343 or by email at careerservices@mssu.edu. A list of everyone attending from an organization should be ready. Registrations must be done by Wednesday.

Justice Center opens to potential criminal justice/pre-law majors

The criminal justice administration is sponsoring an open house for all potential criminal justice/pre-law majors. The open house is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday in the Anderson Justice Center. Anyone interested can RSVP by calling 625-9302.



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Jian fan, freshman international business major, left, and Lenore Lewis, senior psychology major, pick their food at Blues and BBQ.

Blues lends mood to BBQ

Event hosts food, music, comedy

By Noelle Ott
Staff Writer

Shadows danced on the backdrop of skyscrapers. Candles lit the darkened area and one could hear the call and response of the blues band.

On Sept. 15, as a part of Natural High Week, Campus Activities Board sponsored a Blue's, BBQ, and Comedy Night. The Impalas, the blues band for the evening, started off the evening with music while students dined on BBQ chicken, corn-on-the-cob, and a variety of desserts. About 350 students would show up to the event overall.

The Impalas consists of Scott Neese on bass guitar, Smilin' Willie on drums and vocals, and Max Barnett, a former Missouri Southern student, on lead guitar and vocals. Smilin' Willie, who is the owner of

Cool Guitars, has also written some on the band's songs including "Late Last Night," which happens to be the band's favorite song.

"[The band] changed the atmosphere all over the place," said Carla Fairbanks, resident director of McCormick Hall. "I was really impressed."

The band, usually a four or five piece, has played off and on for ten years.

"[The band] was very relaxing," said Jerome Doan, sophomore, studio arts major, said.

Doan's only complaint was that there needed to be "more *muchachas*."

Mission Improvable, a five-member team out of Chicago, provided the comedy. CAB saw them perform for the National Association of College Activities and wanted to bring them to Southern. The original plan was to have only a blues band and food. However, CAB accepted the suggestion to add

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Vacant seats dominate first Student Senate business meeting

Two positions remain open seeking approval

By Nate Billings
Executive Editor

With little more than a minute past 5:30 p.m., the Student Senate opened its first business meeting of the year Sept. 22.

Junior Spanish major and Senate president Eric Ducommun led the way for the new senators this semester.

"I'm a pretty lax guy," he said. "But I like to see order during the meetings."

The senators' first order of business was filling the vacant seats left after a lack in turn out during the election process.

One freshman seat, two sophomore seats, two junior seats, and three senior seats were open for anyone who showed up to be voted in.

All seats except two, one sophomore and one junior, were filled. The openings will be filled by anyone whom Senate selects during the next Senate meeting. They will not be filled by class, but rather at the Senate's discretion.

One new member voted into Senate is freshman secondary education major Hector Amaya.

"I hope they (Student Senate) finish anything they start."

Hector Amaya
Freshman Secondary
Education Major

Amaya worked on several councils in high school and wished to join the Senate when he came to Missouri Southern. He has several hopes for this year's Senate.

"I hope they finish anything they start," Amaya said. "The worst thing you can do is not finish what you start."

Ducommun said Senate has several issues to look into including the reviving of the electronic sign project from last year.

"I look forward to the ideas the senators have during the year," Ducommun said.

One of the ideas to come out of the meeting was the possibility of looking into an ATM on the residence hall side of campus.

Ducommun said the senators seemed to be looking forward to the year as well.

Amaya agreed with Ducommun.

"I figure Senate is a servant to the students," Amaya said. "The students should not be afraid to come up to us. We want to make student life easier."

Senators had mug shots taken after the meeting for a poster to be placed in the Billingsly Student Center for students to get to know their Senate representatives.

The meeting ended just after 6 p.m.

"I hope to become a little more fluid in the meetings," Ducommun said.

He said he would like the meetings to flow easier and hopes every senator complies with the rules.

All students are welcome to come to the meetings.

Board hears Alumni Association strategic plan, discusses stadium

Governors look at possibilities for completing east stands

By T.J. Gerlach
Editor-in-Chief

After a moment of silence in respect for fallen Joplin Police officer and Missouri Southern alumnus Tim Nielson, the Board of Governors began its Sept. 17 meeting.

The majority of the meeting concerned the Alumni Association presenting its "strategic plan". Members of the Alumni Association Board were present, including Cameo Harrington, Alumni Association board president.

Harrington presented the plan to the Governors. In the presentation, Harrington said the association will adopt a new mission statement, which they will use to help them focus on the strategic plan. The plan includes increasing membership in the Alumni Association, increasing staff in the alumni office and increasing involvement within the community and on campus. Also, Harrington said the

Alumni Association would like to begin establishing local chapters, beginning with Joplin as a base to start the chapters. If successful, chapters could start in Kansas City, Springfield, Tulsa and northwest Arkansas.

Dwight Douglas, Board president, said he thinks the strategic plan shows a lot of vision for the Alumni Association's future.

"It shows a lot of organization and development within the Association," Douglas said.

Harrington also said part of the strategic plan includes renovating the mansion. She said the plan is to have the first floor of the mansion completed by January 2007, the second floor by January 2008 and the grounds around the mansion completed in January 2009.

During the construction report, Dr. Terri Agee, vice president for business affairs, gave estimates for completing the east stands of Hughes Stadium.

Agee said completing the

stands all the way up to the supports would cost about \$400,000 and add about 2,000 seats to the stadium. Completing the stands to the top of the entry way and cutting off the remaining portion of the supports would cost about \$228,000.

The Board decided to examine the issue further and explore different options and their prices.

"I'd like to do something," Douglas said. "But we're not in any hurry, so let's explore some options."

Also discussed at the meeting:

- Dr. Richard McCallum, vice president for academic affairs, gave progress reports on the graduate programs. McCallum said the goal for the master's of teaching in education program, in cooperation with Southwest Missouri State University classes to begin in summer 2005.

- McCallum said the academic affairs office is anticipating the retirement of Dr. Charles Thelen, professor of music.

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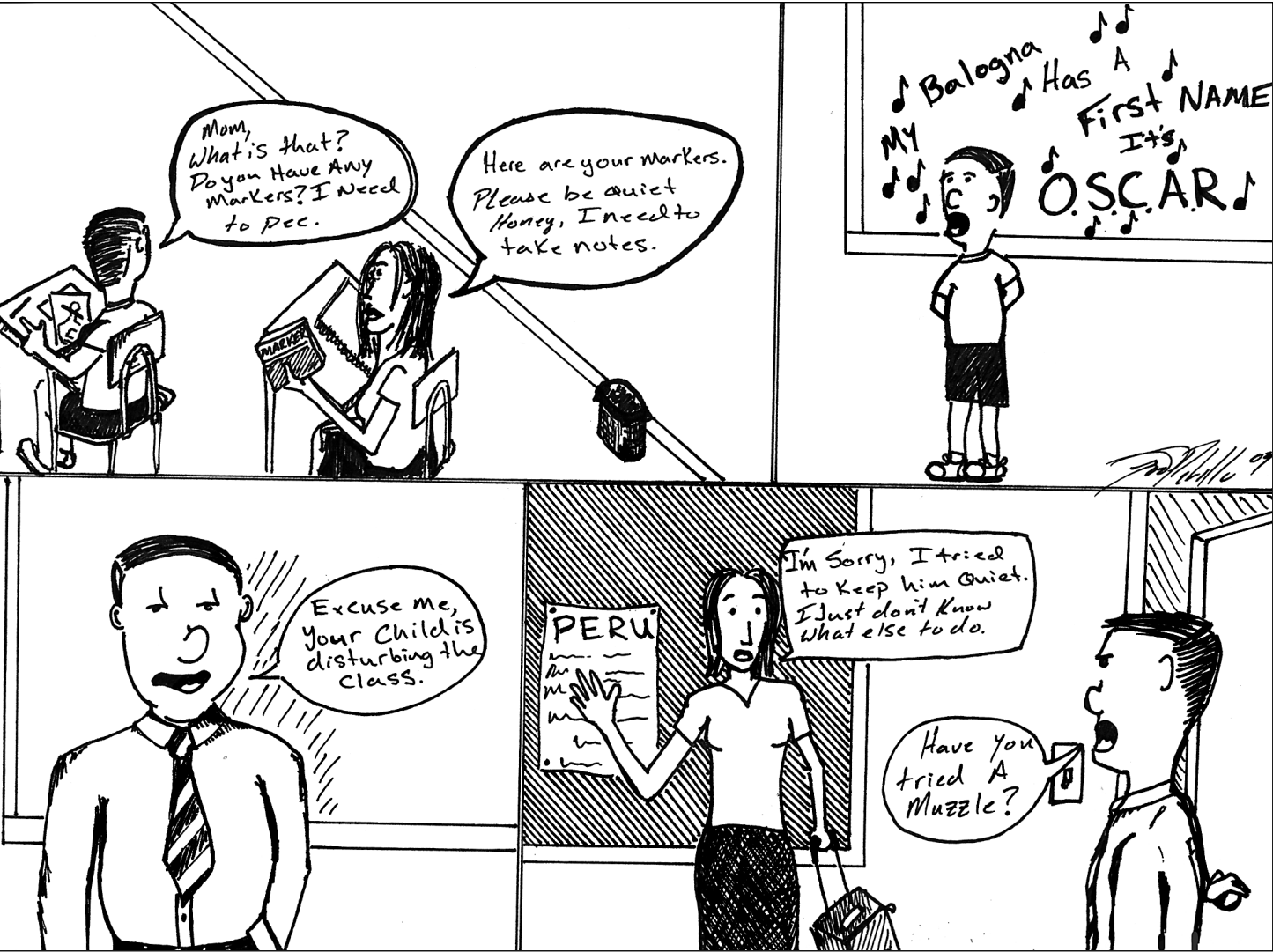
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Children shouldn't be in class

Though sometimes college students act like 5-year-olds, bringing a 5-year-old into a classroom is not acceptable. Small children are not well-behaved. They interrupt classes, cause trouble and bring terror to the eyes of the students who are not their parents. Parents should think twice before bringing a child who is not old enough to know better into a classroom setting. It's not always easy to find a baby sitter or to even pay for one, but there are alternatives available for parents. The problem seems to

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be that parents often overlook the simple task of looking into these alternatives. Family, friends, care groups and sometimes child activity groups, such as at the YMCA, are often free and safe places to send children while in class. The parents aren't the only ones to blame, either. Students should not encourage kids to be disruptive. They should set examples to say the least. The last thing anyone wants is more than one "brat" in a class. (Brat referring to

the supposedly grown-up students.) A reminder should be stated that the children are really not the problem. It's the noise, disruption and interference they bring on themselves by simply being there that is the problem. The University has a daycare program and there is a playground area for smaller children. Student parents, and even faculty members who wish to bring their children, should look into options such as this. Everyone can be happy, but compromises must be made.

Campus Voice
 By MONIQUE JAMERSON

How do you feel about children in your classes?



"If they're under control then there is no problem, but when they are not, this is where the problem comes in."

Dylan Welker
Senior
History
Major



"I think it is a little distracting and disrespectful to the other students and the instructor."

Diana Henson
Senior
Graphics
Major



"I think it's a huge distraction."

Jessica Ragan
Junior
Undecided
Major



"I am fine with students bringing their kids to class with them. It's OK when it's the last choice."

Lacey McMunn
Senior
Elementary Education
Major

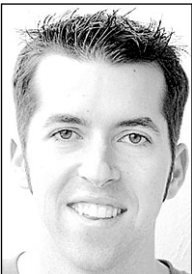


"It's not that big of a deal to me. People need their education, and if their child is well behaved, then I have no problem with it."

Tristan Watson
Freshman
Undecided
Major

Editor's Column Living in residence halls proves worthwhile experience

I remember the first day I came home from kindergarten. OK, I may not really remember the exact day but my mom reminds me every once in awhile. I got off the big yellow bus to be greeted by my mother. "How was your day?" she asked. "There are too many rules," I replied. I still managed to have a good time throughout kindergarten and even made a few good friends. Here I am almost 20 years later, a senior in college living on campus. What



Andy Tevis
Design Editor

else can I say about my experiences living on campus except that there are too many rules. OK, I still manage to have a good time, but really. Those living on campus know what I'm talking about: no alcohol, crazy visitation hours, quiet hours and no alcohol. Why would anyone want to live here? Well, since there's still 442 words left in this column you will probably find out. I transferred two years ago from North Idaho College and have been living on campus since then. It's amazing how fast time has gone by. I spent a year in Blaine hall and a year in Maupin Hall; ah yes, the memories. Living in Blaine Hall really is like doing time in prison. Members of the opposite sex must me "escorted," there is no

privacy, and there's a roommate named Bubba. There's only one reason I've stayed on campus as long as I have. I really have met some awesome people living in the residence halls, and well, some interesting people too. There was the smelly guy I shared a room with in Blaine Hall whose name I can't even remember. Then there was Ryo (pronounced like "Yo what's up?"), an exchange student from Osaka, Japan, who is possibly one of the coolest guys I've ever met. Ryo is definitely someone I will always consider a good friend. I think he made the record for rules broken in our apartment, along with all the other things he broke. Ryo introduced me to the Japanese culture, as well as a girlfriend. During the spring 2004 semester I

roomed with Andreas, my German friend. I think he decorated his room better than any other guy I've ever met. He also taught me how to have a good German meal and what it means to be a true "global playa." So what have I picked up during my two years living on campus besides the crap my roommates left behind when they moved out? I've made some good friends and learned some life lessons. I don't think I would have met as many interesting people if I were living off campus. Besides meeting some interesting roommates, I've met many other good friends on campus. Eating in the cafeteria day after day forces one to become part of the campus community, however small it may be. With my hometown being 2,000 miles

away, I'm forced to stay on campus from beginning to end of each semester. I'm not complaining. Many people go home during the weekends, leaving the international students, athletes and people like me behind. Although it may be at times lonely, it has given me the chance to get to know people I otherwise might not have associated with. I've thought over and over about moving out of the residence halls to escape the ridiculous rules and regulations but always come to the same conclusion, living on campus has proven to be one of the best experiences during college. It may not fit into every student's life plan, but I would recommend it to anyone given the opportunity.

Andy Tevis is the design editor for The Chart. His opinions are his own and do not necessarily reflect those of The Chart staff.

Letter

Letter's title misleads readers on its message

The concept, media possesses the capability of framing an event, is taught in several classes at Missouri Southern. It is possible I have fallen prey to an unintended framing of my letter to the editor appearing in the Sept. 3 issue of *The Chart*. My letter, "Religion — the best thing to happen to mankind and the worst thing to happen to mankind," was changed in editing to "Religious ideals may destroy societies." A title is intended to give the reader the essence of an article before they read it. While I recognize the right of *The Chart* to edit my letter to style and space limitations, the headline given to my leader (sic) no longer emphasized

my belief that religion is also the best thing to happen to mankind. The statement's continuity is the common base moralistic teachings by grand design involved with world holy disciples. I do take seriously that differences in religion have for millennia spawned the cataclysm of war. This is no claim; it is fact not to be scoffed at. It displeases me to think the message I was trying to send to our campus and the world could be twisted in such a way as to alienate my message from the actual printed text. That message is as strong today as when I wrote the article — a necessary message to civilization. The differences between religions are insignificant when compared to the similarities of the ultimate

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In Perspective

Freedom as America knows it is not free

On Sept. 11, 2001, a terrorist attack, masterminded by Osama bin Laden, was carried out against the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. In a blatant disregard for humanity and a blatant acceptance of barbarism, an excess of 3,000 innocent lives were snuffed out of existence. This was arguably the worst single-day loss of life in the U.S. history, surpassing even the day losses at the Civil War's Battle of Antietam, D-Day and Pearl Harbor. To many, this date with "infamy" was a direct response from the Muslim world in regards to our sup-



Dr. Richard LaNear
Professor of Finance

port of Israel; nothing could be further from the truth, as many countries lost lives at the Trade Center, including Pakistan and Turkey (the most "democratic" of all the Muslim countries). This barbarous attack upon innocent people was an unmitigated assault upon civilization, rule of law, capitalism, globalization, material well-being, secular (not clerical) government and the essence of democracy, whereby power is subjected to the people. The demented minds that perpetrated this senseless atrocity are not just fixed upon the creation of a Palestinian state but upon totalitarian government versus democracy, submission verses creativity, a perpetual state of economic squalor verses economic growth and a visceral hatred and jealousy for all of the accomplishments of the western world. These perverters of Islam are not frustrated at the United States for what we

are but are frustrated at themselves for what they are not. Instead of looking at a translucent glass window and seeing the world as it could be, they are looking at a mirror and only see the wretchedness of themselves. The WTC as a target became a "bull's-eye in the crosshairs" of terrorism, as it represented "trade and commerce," which is the very essence of capitalism. Compare the per capita gross domestic product of the United States versus Afghanistan, and ask how could they hate us and our system so? Or ask how many attacks upon innocent civilians does Israel initiate? These aforementioned groups resent us for our military power (which has prevented totalitarianism in World War II and the Cold War), envy as for our wealth (the largest per capita GDP in the

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Dr. John Alexander chronicles the life and work of Aleksandr Pushkin to the audience on Sept. 17. He is a professor of history, Russian and East European studies at the University of Kansas.

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Russian celebrity comes to life

Pushkin makes poetry ‘magical’

By Chris Heinrich
International Editor

Not only did Aleksandr Pushkin bring life to a party, but he also brought life to poetry.

He was “mildly subversive; the master of the putdown,” said Dr. John Alexander, professor of history, Russian and East European studies from the University of Kansas in his lecture, “A Russian Celebrity: Aleksandr Pushkin.”

“He could have quite a poisonous pen,” he said.

Pushkin tried to make his living by writing, but it was difficult since there was not a big readership in Russia at the time. Even though he lived penniless for most of his life, Alexander said the poet made “every word count.”

The “short little guy [with] kinky hair [and] claw-like fingers” became a living celebrity during his lifetime from 1799-1837.

Poetry was not Pushkin’s only written work. He wrote history, fairy tails and parodies, among other things.

His first narrative poem was Ruslan and Lyudmila. This mock epic was considered a “sexy work” at its time of publish in 1820.

Pushkin’s use of word play made his poetry flow musically.

“It’s kind of a magical expression,” Alexander said. “People find [his poems] delightfully witty and fun to learn.”

His first work that “put him on the map permanently” was Eugene Onegin, which took almost nine years to complete. He was able to finish his novel while stranded at an estate by a cholera epidemic in 1830.

Being flirtatious at the parties he attended, Pushkin would play off of that by having people encourage him to write witty phras-

“Supposedly, he [Pushkin] had a foot fetish”

John Alexander

Professor of history, Russian and East European studies, University of Kansas

es in their albums. Pushkin, Alexander said, was great at coming up with clever and humorous lines off the top of his head.

He often boasted about his illegitimate child he had with a woman on his estate. He also brought up the fact he had African blood in him, when at the time was not heard of or talked about.

An amateur artist as well, Pushkin sketched women to whom he was attracted. He tended to draw parts of them, mostly feet.

Southern to advance Virgin Island program

Students may receive full nursing degree

By Nate Billings
Executive Editor

Nursing opportunities are coming to students in the British Virgin Islands.

Missouri Southern and the government of the Virgin Islands have been working on setting up a nursing program through the University for island students.

Currently, there are 17 students studying through online anatomy and physiology classes. The University also has a business program already set up with the H. Lavity Stouff Community College on the island.

However, Dr. Tia Strait, dean of technology, is working on getting a full nursing

degree for the students at the community college in the Virgin Islands.

Dr. Jenecia Fairfax, director of nursing and education research for the government of the Virgin Islands, came to Southern to make a tour of the campus.

“We were trying to find out if this is going to be a good match,” Fairfax said. “If a student goes abroad, are they going to gain experience and knowledge they would never get at home? I want to make sure it [Southern] will afford them [students] that knowledge.”

Fairfax said several components exist in analyzing a location. The first depends on if the area is more rural or urban. This is important because many of the students in the Virgin Islands come from smaller cities with 20,000 people in them.

Ethnic diversity is another item to discuss. Fairfax said she would talk with students and see what their opinions of the area were before she would make a decision.

Fairfax, however, did have a positive feeling about Southern.

“I was impressed with two things,” she said. “One is the small classroom size.”

Fairfax said the other factor was the attitude of the nursing program.

“The faculty is very outgoing and warm,” she said.

Fairfax noted the attitude of the faculty is an important part of the curriculum because of the nature of the programs.

The programs which are in development

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RUSSIA SEMESTER EVENTS

Tuesday

•Russian Film Festival: *Moscow Does Not Believe in Tears*, 7 p.m., Cornell Auditorium

Thursday

•Between the City of Yes and the City of No, 11 a.m., Webster Hall auditorium

Oct. 5

•Russian Film Festival: *My Name is Ivan*, 7 p.m., Cornell Auditorium

Oct. 7

•Modest Mussorgsky: Nationalist, Realist, “Barbaric” Genius, 8 a.m.

and 9:30 a.m., Phinney Recital Hall

Oct. 8

•Aleksandr Borodin: Chemist and Composer, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Phinney Recital Hall

•Pysanky: The Art of the Ukrainian Easter Egg, noon, BSC Room 310, faculty and staff only

Oct. 12

•The Iconic Tendency in Russian Culture and Politics, 9:30 a.m., Webster Hall auditorium

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Diversions



Artist Larry Stark stands by one of his photographic serigraphs, “Photo by Kip Ruhl.” Stark’s collection “Fishing America” is on exhibit at Spiva Center for the Arts in Joplin through Oct. 24.

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Spiva catches fish exhibit

By Melissa Dunson
Diversions Editor

Larry Stark isn’t just fishing for compliments.

For Stark, 63, Wisconsin, fishing is an obsession, a life’s work and an artistic expression.

After starting his adult life as an accountant, Stark discovered his photographic talent to take general statements about our culture and portray them in simple photos that speak volumes.

Jo Mueller, director of the Center, discovered Stark by accident when she found a copy of one of his “Fishing America” art posters that had been sent to the previous director. The poster was hidden in a cardboard tube and buried under miscellaneous paper work.

While most people spend an afternoon fishing, Stark took 13 years to complete the “Fishing America: A Work of Art” exhibit.

“He started out thinking it would take him a couple years,” Mueller said.

The project consists of 52 photos, one for every state, taken during Stark’s fishing trips across the nation. No two photos have the same subject or species of fish and some of the photos feature a state’s landscape as opposed to a specific fish.

“I was driving across the country and I kept passing rivers and thinking ‘I’d like to fish there’ and I thought that’s just not going to happen,” Stark said. “Then I thought, I could fish every state and call it art. An artist has the right to define their art.”

Stark uses photos that are alternating inkjet prints and four-color silkscreen “serigraphs” where the artist overlaps layers of color to produce the desired “paint” effect. The result is a surreal, pointillist look with the layers and depth of a photo, but the hazy quality of a dream.

“It’s a fancy New York term for silkscreen,” Stark said. “I’ve gotten people who will fight to the death that it’s different, but they can’t tell me what the difference is.”

Next to each photo Stark provides a

short story about the experience that brought about that particular photographic moment in that state. He said his reasoning for doing the project was two fold.

“The first is self indulgence,” he said. “The second is to figure out why fishing is such an important thing in our country. Self indulgence definitely happened and I never found out the answer to the second question.”

Mueller said the Joplin community has responded wonderfully to Stark’s works at Spiva. To prepare for the exhibit, Spiva invited area school children to a “Fishing Main Street!” event where the children finger-painted the windows of Main Street businesses between 4th and 7th Streets with ocean scenes. The images will be up for viewing until Oct. 24th.

At the opening reception Sept. 17th, locals enjoyed Stark’s works while sampling hors’devours provided by Red Lobster.

“The comments I’ve heard are just wonderful,” Mueller said.

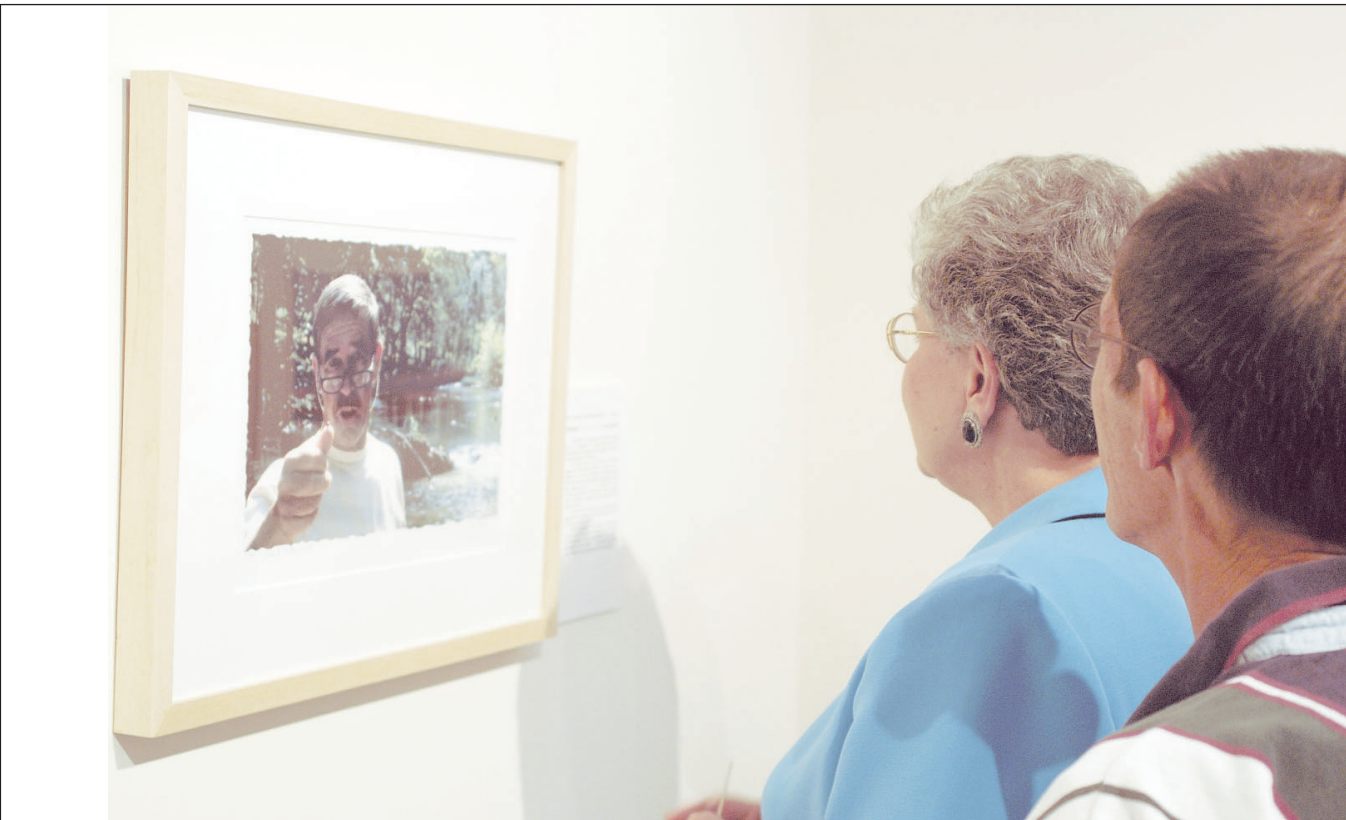
An unusual group emerged at the reception as fisherwomen came from all over the four state region to support their favorite pastime.

“There are a lot of women who are big into fishing,” Mueller said. “During the reception, someone walked up to me and said, ‘God, I just love fish, I don’t know what it is, but I just love fish.’”

Stark was careful in his creation of the exhibit to appeal to more people than just fishermen, but points out that most of his work is artistic expression and isn’t really about anyone else. Some of his other projects include photographing Pepsi and Coca Cola machines together, like some western showdown, eating nothing but McDonalds in a 9,500 mile area for a month to show how homogenous our culture has become, and living in an ice fishing shanty for a month as a work of art.

“I’m sure that’s not really important to anyone,” Stark said. “But it interests me. I’m different.”

The exhibit runs through Oct. 24. For information, call Spiva Center for the Arts at 417-623-0183.



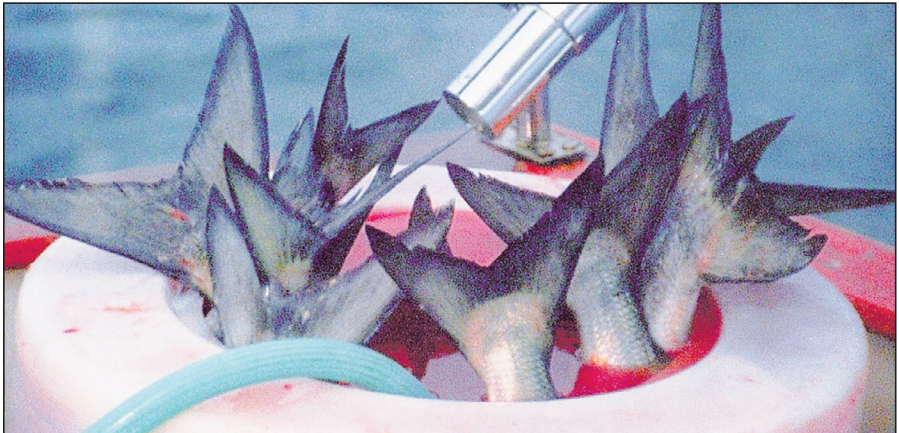
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Alice and Larry Knepper view a painting at the Fishing America exhibit at Spiva Center for the Arts.



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“Summer Cottage,” above, is an ink jet print on Hahnemuhle photo rag paper. “Butterfly Peacock Bass,” right, is a photographic silkscreen print on Lenox rag paper.



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“Fish Tails” is a photographic silkscreen on Lenox rag paper.



Area Events

The Forgotten



24 *First Daughter, The Forgotten and The Last Shot* open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

All Campus Picnic
@ 10:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m. @ The Oval.

Anthony Gomes blues concert \$12
@ 9 p.m. @ The Kitchen Pass.

Dakota Blue concert @ 9:30 p.m.
@ Champs Pub & Grill.

Love Letters play @ 7:30 p.m.
@ the Bud Walton Theatre.

City of God contemporary foreign film
@ 7 p.m. @ Cornell Auditorium.

25 Glory Days
“Live Music Cafe”
@ 8 p.m.
@ Glory Days Music.

Homecoming Parade @ 11:30 a.m.

Live comedy @ 9 p.m.
@ The Kitchen Pass.

Moniker concert @ 9:30 p.m.
@ Champs Pub & Grill.

Blues Band @ 9 p.m.
@ Dioko Coffee Co.

Love Letters play @ 7:30 p.m.
@ the Bud Walton Theatre.

26 Karaoke from
9 p.m.-1 a.m.
@ Murphy’s Irish Pub.

27 Mike Watt concert
@ The Grand Emporium
in Lawrence, Kan.

28 Karaoke @ 10 p.m.
@ The Green Room.
CAB meeting @ 2 p.m.
@ 2nd floor BSC.

Speakeasy concert
@ The Bottleneck in Lawrence, Kan.

29 Krazy Karaoke @ 9 p.m.
@ Champ’s Bar and Grill
Campus Crusade for
Christ @ 7:30 p.m.
@ the Student Life Center.

BSU Joy Explosion
@ 7 p.m @ The Baptist Student Union.

Skate night @ 9 p.m.
@ Keely’s Silver Wheels.

Love Letters play @ 7:30 p.m.
@ The Bud Walton Theatre.

30 Jazz concert @ 7 p.m.
@ Dioko Coffee Co.

Neon concert
@ The Bottleneck
in Lawrence, Kan.

Karaoke @ 9 p.m.
@ Champs Pub & Grill.

Lecture Demo with The Mozart Piano
Quartet @ 1 p.m.
@ Webster Hall Auditorium.

David Wallace Senior Vocal Recital
@ 7:30 p.m.
@ Webster Hall Auditorium.

Pro Musica’s Mozart Piano Quartet
@ 7 p.m. @ St. Phillip’s Church.

Weird News:

Seven killed during kite festival
PAKISTAN — The festival fatalities included an 18-month-old girl whose throat was cut by a stray kite string and three electrocutions by flying metal kite strings into electric lines.
<http://www.news.com.au/common/>



“Fishing America” exhibit now open at Spiva Center for the Arts. For information, read the story.

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Funny Thing About Life...

David Haut

Managing Editor



I’m a guy. Guys love doing things that make no sense, as long as they have a winner, a loser and someone to call a ‘pansy’.

Case in point: Red Bull.

While up late at *The Chart* last semester, a few editors were asking important questions like, “What happened to Arsenio Hall and who invented roller chairs?”

Naturally, the conversation led us to the topic of Red Bull.

It wasn’t long before a challenge was set: who can drink the most? These are the moments men live for. What we see as a true test of will, women think is a complete waste of time and money. And it is, but as men, we’re not supposed to say that.

To avoid a possible lawsuit, and to try and get a free T-shirt, we logged on to the Red Bull Web site searching for safety issues. According to the site, Red Bull does two things: it keeps you awake and gives you wings. We figured neither of the two could kill us.

So, in true male fashion, Andy Tevis, design editor, and I bought a small cache of Red Bull for an all-out drink-off.

We wanted to know two things: will we die? And, will we actually grow wings?

The rules were as follows:

Drink as many as possible in 90 minutes.

No breaking the seal (this means, no going to the bathroom and no throwing up. Doing so means you are a wuss.)

It was easy at first. We were neck-in-neck through the first two cans, probably because we drank them faster than Jennifer Lopez went through Ben Affleck.

By the third can, we were feeling the effects. My speech went from hard to understand to incoherent. My eye wouldn’t stop twitching and I could type 250 words per minute.

I pulled ahead on the fourth can.

The effects of Red Bull had reached their apex. We were no longer drinking the sweet, crisp, refreshing taste of vitamins and aluminum, we were now drinking the horrible, monotonous, gut-wrenching taste of vitamins and aluminum.

I kept my pace; one can ahead of Andy. Oddly enough, the effects of Red Bull on my body were overpowered by the effects on my kidneys.

By the seventh can, my body was producing Red Bull by its own volition. My mouth tasted like Red Bull. My sweat smelled like Red Bull. My tears looked like Red Bull and after seven cans I had not yet grown wings.

After a grueling 90 minutes of competition and self-sacrifice, it was time to go to the bathroom. The final score: Me 7, Andy 6.

And what did this contest prove?

I won, and I have someone to call a pansy.

David Haut, Managing Editor, writes a weekly humor column for The Chart. His opinions are his own and don't necessarily reflect those of The Chart staff.



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Carla Fairbanks, resident director, middle, learns the ropes of skating with the help of Chaunte Thomas, sophomore psychology major, left, and Amanda Imcee, junior middle school education major.

CAB discusses Homecoming

By David Haut

Managing Editor

After a series of events leading up to Homecoming week, the Campus Activities Board is going to see a light at the end of the tunnel. The Student Activities Office on the second floor of Billingsly Student Center was full of cardboard ships, pirate costumes and treasure chests.

Eight students were in attendance for the brief meeting detailing the remaining Homecoming events for the week.

“Next week we’re back to normal,” said Julie Blackford, director of student activities.

“We were busy before school even started.”

Almost back to normal, Blackford said Wednesday’s meeting will be CAB’s first “normal” meeting of the semester.

“We’ll be planning events for the fall and spring semesters,” she said.

CAB is bringing comedienne Tammy Pescitelli of *Last Comic Standing* fame, as well as local astronaut Janet Kavandi and ghost hunter John Zaffis.

Blackford is interested in what students have to say about smaller events that could take place during the current and upcoming semester.

Concerning Homecoming, Blackford and members of CAB are pleased with the University’s support this year as opposed to the widespread lack of school spirit in recent years.

“We had prospect students coming in and saying, ‘Wow, our high school doesn’t decorate this much,’” said Mary Daniel, junior accounting major.

Offices around campus began to decorate and some are now in competition.

Daniel said although some said it was unprofessional for an office to decorate, it was good for recruitment and school spirit.

Blackford said 16 offices competed for the prize, which is the most she has seen in her time at Southern.



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Yvonne Fedewa, sophomore international business major and Lisa McCain, junior graphic design major, skate around the rink at the homecoming skate night sponsored by CAB.

Throughout the week, keys have been handed out at every event. Students may use the keys they’ve accumulated on Friday at the all-campus picnic to try and open a chest. Inside will be a prize.

Free food and T-shirts will given out at the picnic. The T-shirts will be handed out around 11:45 to give students a better opportunity of getting one.

All students are welcome and encouraged to join CAB’s weekly meetings 2 p.m. every Wednesday in the Student Activities Office.

Play returns to campus with original cast members

By Hallie Hocker

Staff Writer

Several student couples quietly entered Bud Walton Theatre Tuesday night for the first official performance of *Love Letters*.

At first, the audience waited in quiet anticipation for the romantic play, but then conversations became more animated among viewers as the show time crept closer.

The conversations between audience members fore-shadowed the relationship between the main characters of Andrew Makepeace Ladd III and Melissa Gardner in *Love Letters*.

While Andy and Melissa became quick friends in second grade, they were soon separated and sent to different boarding schools. Despite life’s pursuits, failed relationships, globe-trotting and career plans, they managed to keep in contact through frequent letter writing.

“Andy and Melissa are always in love, but not always at the right place or the right time,” said Dr. Jay Fields, theatre department head and director of *Love*

Letters. “They know each other better through the letters than face to face. When they get together, it’s how it should have always been.”

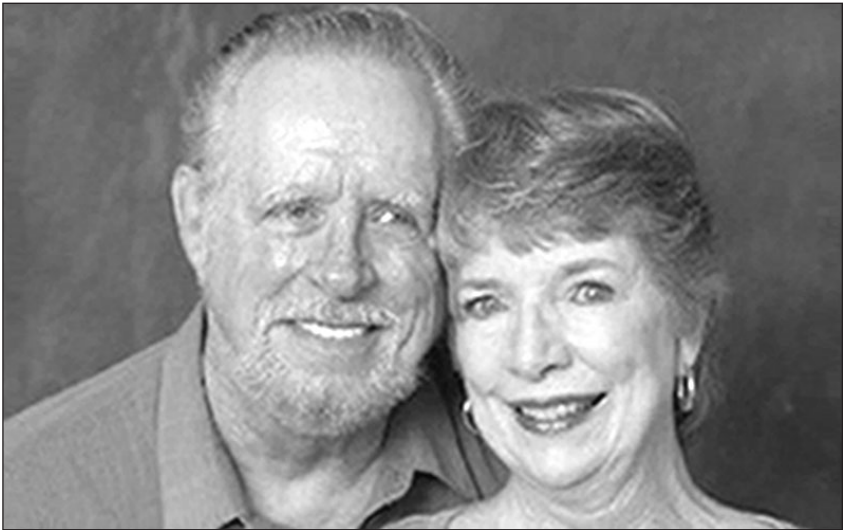
This isn’t the first time *Love Letters* has been performed at Missouri Southern. Duane and Gwen Hunt, who play Andy and Melissa, performed the same production 10 years ago as a fund-raiser. The proceeds were for the rebuilding of the barn theatre, but with a generous contribution from the Wal-Mart Foundation, the Bud Walton Theatre was built instead.

Another reason Fields decided to do the play was because it included former faculty members. Duane is a former associate professor of theatre and is also a professor emeritus at Southern. Gwen is the former director of public information.

Another reason Fields decided to do the play was so students could see this type of production.

The two main characters in *Love Letters* don’t physically interact during the play, except by reacting to the letters being read aloud to the audience. Instead, they respond facially and bodily to the letters written to them.

“The audience has to come, listen carefully and create in their mind what



Special to the Chart

Duane and Gwen Hunt return to Southern theatre reprising the roles of Andrew Makepeace Ladd III and Melissa Gardner.

people are talking about,” Fields said.

With such a wide range of characters, one might think it difficult to act like a second grader and then, 45 minutes later, act like a mature adult. In movies, there are usually multiple actors who play the different stages in each character’s life.

However, the Hunts do it all.

“I like playing little kids,” Duane said. “I also like playing the older, mature relationship after he becomes a senator.”

“I like Act 2 when they’re adults and off running their own various lives,” Gwen said.

By Saturday, the Hunts will have performed *Love Letters* about 30 times throughout their careers.

“The audience has to come, listen carefully and create in their mind what people are talking about.”

Dr. Jay Fields

Theatre Department Head

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comedy into the program. CAB quickly thought of Mission Improbable, which fit into the theme well with their costume design. “They fit the college group really well,” Fairbanks, said. “They tailored it [the show] to the students.” Mission Improvable included Agent Slingshot, Agent Calvary, Agent Reactor, Agent Chopper and Agent Knighthawk. The

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would allow students in the Virgin Islands to study the core subjects at their home for two years and then study at Southern for the last two years. “We couldn’t do what we are doing without distant education,” Strait said. Strait also said the possibility for nursing students to go to the Virgin Islands as part of their community project while earning their degree. The programs are funding through government grants in

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moral teachings. Fill your hearts with love, not hate; recognize the difference between right and wrong. Walk the right path. Hate and hate’s subtopics engender war and levy the threat of nuclear holocaust currently hanging over society’s head. A nuclear war does not have to occur as it does in Hollywood portrayals. All it takes is radia-

group had plenty of audience participation and would make up their show off the feedback of the audience. “I laughed so hard I thought I’d pee myself,” said Chaunte Thomas, sophomore psychology major. CAB would like to have Mission Improvable back, but Fairbanks said the students would have to let them know if they wanted them to return. Anyone interested in learning more about Mission Improvable, they may visit www.missionimprovable.com.

the Virgin Islands. Students can apply for nursing scholarships as soon as they graduate high school. Then, they must meet the requirements of the Southern nursing program in order to enroll. “[These programs] allow us to increase the number of students from our own,” Fairfax said. She said the current nurses on the islands usually come from other countries and there is a shortage of nurses who come from within the islands. If all goes as expected, the first students to enroll in the program will arrive at Southern in the Fall of 2006.

tion. All it takes is depleted uranium 238, DU weaponry, such as armor piercing bullets, mortar shells, smart bombs and such; the kind of munitions our nation has used since the first Gulf War. These are the implements of “silent nuclear war.” Hate breeds X, well you can write the list for yourself. The good news is that love spawns eternal and this message is the one I prefer to take into eternity.

Matthew Harris
 Junior Psychology Major

LAB:

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Others in the lab agree. “It’s desperately needed,” said Mike Davis, criminalist in the Crime Lab. “It (the boxes and files) doesn’t look as crowded as it was before it was moved.” Overall, though the renovations have not completely taken place, the new space totals 4,000 square feet and the grants will allow the lab to update some of its older equipment. “We have computers HP won’t even service anymore,” Davis said.

FREEDOM:

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history of mankind) and hate us for our liberty, which allows our women to see the world without the “fog of a veil” and allows our men to shave or not to shave at their own discretion. And as all great men have risen in response to a cataclysmic event — Lincoln in the Civil War, and Churchill in World War II — so has President George Bush grown in stature to meet and conduct this “war on terrorism.” The great Prussian military genius, Clausewitz, was right when he said, “No one starts a war — or rather no one in his senses ought to do so — without first being clear in his mind what he intends to achieve by that war and how he intends to conduct it.” No longer will we be led by the political expediency(sic) of President Lyndon Johnson fighting with “one hand tied

behind his back” in Vietnam, or President Jimmy Carter sending only eight helicopters on a rescue mission, or President Bill Clinton not supporting the Rangers in Somalia with the armored vehicles they had requested, or President John Kennedy getting cold feet at the Bay of Pigs. No longer will 19 service men be killed at the Saudi Arabian Khobar Towers in 1996 and the Hezbollah perpetrators go unpunished. No longer will the killing of 12 Americans at the Embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania by bin Laden go unpunished. And no longer will bin Laden get away with attacking the USS Cole (killing 17 sailors), and President Clinton’s only response is firing an expensive missile at an aspirin factory. With this kind of weak and tepid response, no wonder bin Laden took on New York City and the Pentagon; he figured we had lost our resolve. He was wrong as we now have a president who is waging “war

on terrorism” and not just talking about it. Some of our “learned intellectual elite” state we should be calm and patient and try to understand why the likes of bin Laden hate us so. This is like saying we should have set down with Adolf Hitler after he exterminated million of Jews and apologized for Germany’s harsh treatment at Versailles. But it is too late to ask for understanding and contemplation when someone has their hands around your throat. It is time to respond and defend your very own survival. We will not bow or cower, we will not despair, and we will not apologize for our economic system or our political system. But we will use the heroism and sacrifice of those who perished on Sept. 11 to inspire us and establish a precedent and foundation to pursue a new “silver lining.” Young people are now carrying flags instead of burning them. We will realize we are not a nation of ethnic tribes, but a

nation that has forged an amalgam of unity; “*e pluribus unum*,” “out of many, one.” The long odyssey of life offers many avenues of travel, some arduous, some not. We have survived the Civil War, World War I, the Depression, and World War II, always strengthened in the aftermath. I lost one of the best friends I ever had in the senseless attack on the Pentagon. His sense of humor and eternal optimism, kept me going during the year I spent in Vietnam. I would hope and pray his loss (and all of the other victims) remind us all freedom does not come to those who are unwilling to sacrifice, even with our lives. Perhaps the small monument at the base of the campus flag here at Missouri Southern, says it best, “Freedom is not free.”

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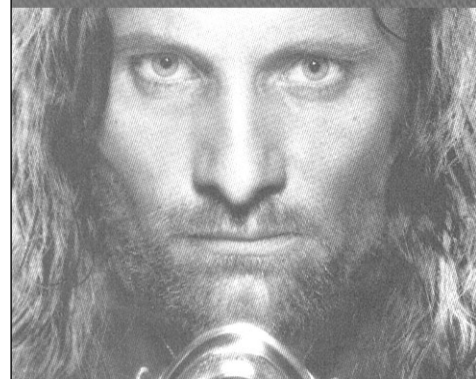
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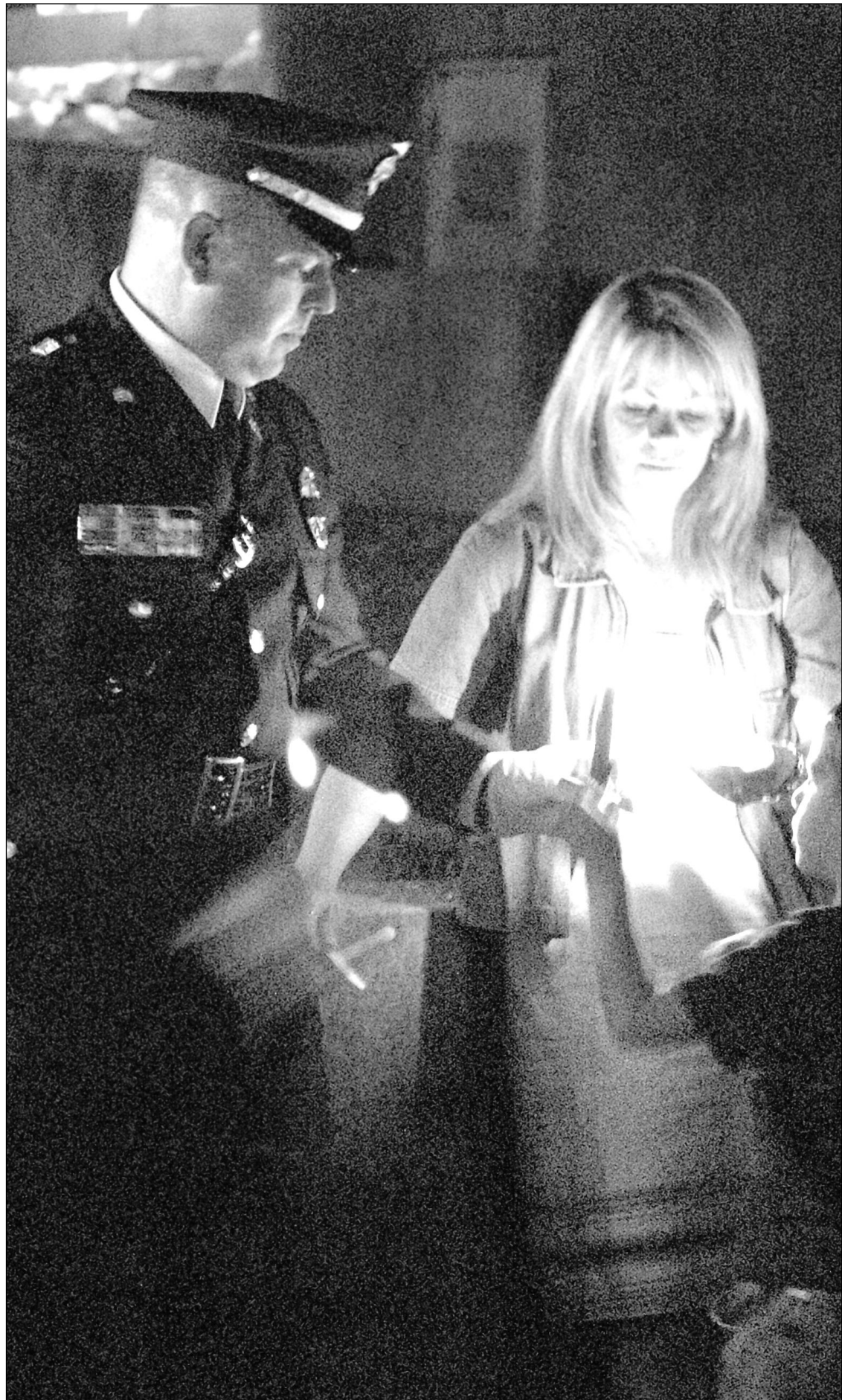
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CANDLE LIGHTING



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During a candlelight vigil for Joplin Police Officer Tim Nielson Sept. 16 in front of the Joplin police station, about 250 people gathered together to reflect on Nielson's life.

STUDY:

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Keith Wyatt, sophomore general business major, said the football team is required to go to study hall on a regular basis.

"I do most of my homework during study hall, which is from 7 to 9," Wyatt said.

Nic Proctor, senior general business major, enjoys playing football at Southern but said it is very time consuming.

"If you don't have your priorities in order and your time managed, you [go wrong]," Proctor said. For me, I have to stay organized and get everything done before it is due.

Caleb Engelken, senior computer information

science major said to do well in both sports and academics you have to have a good balance.

Engelken is one of Missouri Southern's basketball players. He said he enjoys the game but it is very time consuming.

"Although the game is time consuming, I realize that I could be at a convenience store making five dollars an hour," Engelken said. "But instead I'm at Southern getting school paid for because of something I love to do."

Wyatt said that if it were not for football he would not be in school.

"Sports keeps me motivated to make good grades and to stay in school," Wyatt said.

Wyatt said the coaches always stress to them the importance of making good grades and then playing sports.

"Man, I love this game," he said.

BAND:

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Kushner is also grateful for the assistance that he has received from colleagues. With a new year always comes new challenges.

The group practices twice a week, and during this time Kushner is looking to build a sound that features one group, not individuals.

"That is something that takes time," he said, "It doesn't happen overnight."

Kushner has enjoyed seeing the orchestra progress from practice to practice.

"The potential is very strong for this group to strive to continue at this level," said Kushner, "[I want] to push them to go to the next level."

A chance to see Kushner direct and to see the band play will be coming soon. The Jazz Orchestra will have a performance at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 30 in Webster Hall auditorium.

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LION STATS

Football

Sept. 18 Results						
CMSU	3	20	7	10	—	40
MSSU	0	14	6	13	—	33

First Quarter
CMSU — Starks 32 yd field goal 0:00.

Second Quarter
MSSU — Emert 2 yd run (Hawkins kick) 11:15. CMSU — Walker 94 yd kickoff return (Starks kick failed) 10:58. MSSU — Williams 66 yd run (Hawkins kick) 9:49. CMSU — Conner 66 yd pass from Spiegel (Starks kick) 8:16. CMSU — Conner 30 yd pass from Spiegel (Starks kick) 1:27.

Third Quarter
CMSU — Thompson 1 yd run (Starks kick) 7:50. MSSU — Emert 1 yd run (Emert pass failed) 2:50.

Fourth Quarter
MSSU — Emert 1 yd run (Hawkins kick failed) 12:30. CMSU — Starks 44 yd field goal 8:33. CMSU — Thompson 78 yd run (Starks kick) 6:21. MSSU — Proctor 78 yd pass from Emert (Hawkins kick) 00:24.

Cross Country

Sept. 18 Results	
Southern Stampede Women's	
School	Points
OU	78
UA	79
SMSU	119
TU	167
TU	180
OBU	195
HU	205
PSU	223
MSSU	230
ACU	248
ORU	334
SBU	339
MNU	369
SNU	381
DU	398
OCU	450
LU	457
ECU	467
UCO	492
PU	533
UMR	536
SOU	656
OU	707
WJC	739

Men's	
School	Points
UA	20
HU	72
OSU	95
OU	109
SMSU	200
MSSU	238
ECU	268
DU	276
PSU	284
OBU	293
MNU	307
OCU	326
SU	332
TU	339
UMR	349
WJC	411
CC	446
ORU	457
PU	510
MVC	513
OU	524
CCC	596

Volleyball

Sept. 18 Results				
HSU	30	23	30	30
MSSU	28	30	25	25

Sept. 22 Results				
WU	32	30	30	
MSSU	30	28	28	

Women's soccer loses two, wins one game on road

From Staff Reports

The Missouri Southern women's soccer team lost two games in Omaha, Neb. on Sept. 17 and Sept. 19. The Sept. 17 game was against the University of South Dakota Coyotes. The Lions lost to the Coyotes 1-0. Southern played the University of Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks Sept. 19, losing 2-1 in the first overtime period. The Lions' only goal was scored in the 34th minute by Tera Reisnor, senior forward on an unassisted break-away. The Lions defeated the University of Missouri-Rolla Sept. 22, 2-1 in Rolla.



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Above, quarterback Nathan Emert completes a hand-off during the second quarter of the Sept. 18 game against Central Missouri State University. At left, Wentric Williams runs his way into the record books with a game total of 252 rushing-yards.

Lions break records despite loss

By Jacob W. Brower

Staff Writer

Head football coach John Ware and his staff don't want to hear that they enjoyed a "moral victory" against the nationally-ranked Central Missouri State University Mules last Saturday. Southern lost to No. 15 CMSU 40-33 despite a high powered Lions offensive attack that saw the team accumulate 601 yards and record the fourth-best offensive day in school history. The Mules defense was ranked second in the MIAA going into the game. Southern scored nearly twice as many first downs as the Mules and beat CMSU in time of possession by 8:20, but gave up four long plays that accounted for 202 yards — nearly half of the Mules' 411-yard offensive production. "Our offense did enough for us to win but we just gave up too many big plays," said Lions defensive coordinator Todd Wash. "We had a lot of missed tackles

and that's something we've got to get better at. "You could say it was a moral victory, but Missouri Southern didn't bring us here for moral victories. We're here to compete for a national championship." Freshman quarterback Nathan Emert echoed Wash's sentiments after the game. Emert accounted for four touchdowns (three rushing, one passing) and passed for 338 yards with one interception. "We had a chance to win it and we should have won it," Emert said. "We played with a lot of heart but, nationally ranked or not, we should have beat them. Period." While the team may not have been satisfied with its showing, many players and coaches said they hope the game sends a message to other schools in the MIAA. Ware said he hopes the game will earn the program the respect of other teams and will give the team something to build off of for the remainder of its schedule.

"Hopefully, we can use this as a springboard for better things in the future," Ware said. "Our kids are working hard and I'm extremely pleased with their effort." The game saw sophomore running back Wentric Williams write his name in the school record book. His 252-yard rushing performance was the fifth-best single-game showing in school history. Williams said he believes the team's offensive performance will give the Lions respect throughout the conference. "We wanted to show the fans and the rest of the conference what we can do," Williams said, who recorded a 66-yard touchdown run with 9:49 remaining in the first half and added six catches for 33 yards. "This shows the MIAA that Missouri Southern is taking a step ahead." Senior DeMarcus Mathes led all Lions receivers with 11 catches for 111 yards. He was one of the eight Lions Emert

connected with throughout the night. Other players who recorded receptions include junior wideout Tedaryl Mason (five catches for 33 yards), senior tight end Cody Hilburn (two catches to 32 yards), freshman receiver Otis Taylor (two catches for 26 yards), senior wide-out Craig Winfrey (two catches for 16 yards) and freshman receiver Colin Bado (two catches for nine yards). Senior running back Nate Proctor made his only touch of the game count when he took a short Emert pass 78 yards for a score with 24 seconds left in the game, putting the Lions within a touchdown of forcing overtime. The gain was not enough, however, as the Mules recovered the ensuing onsidess kick by sophomore Brandon Hawkins and kneeled down to preserve the victory. The Lions and Mules are now both 1-1 in conference play. CMSU improved its season record to 3-1 while Southern dropped to 2-2.

Southern Stampede continues success

By T.J. Gerlach

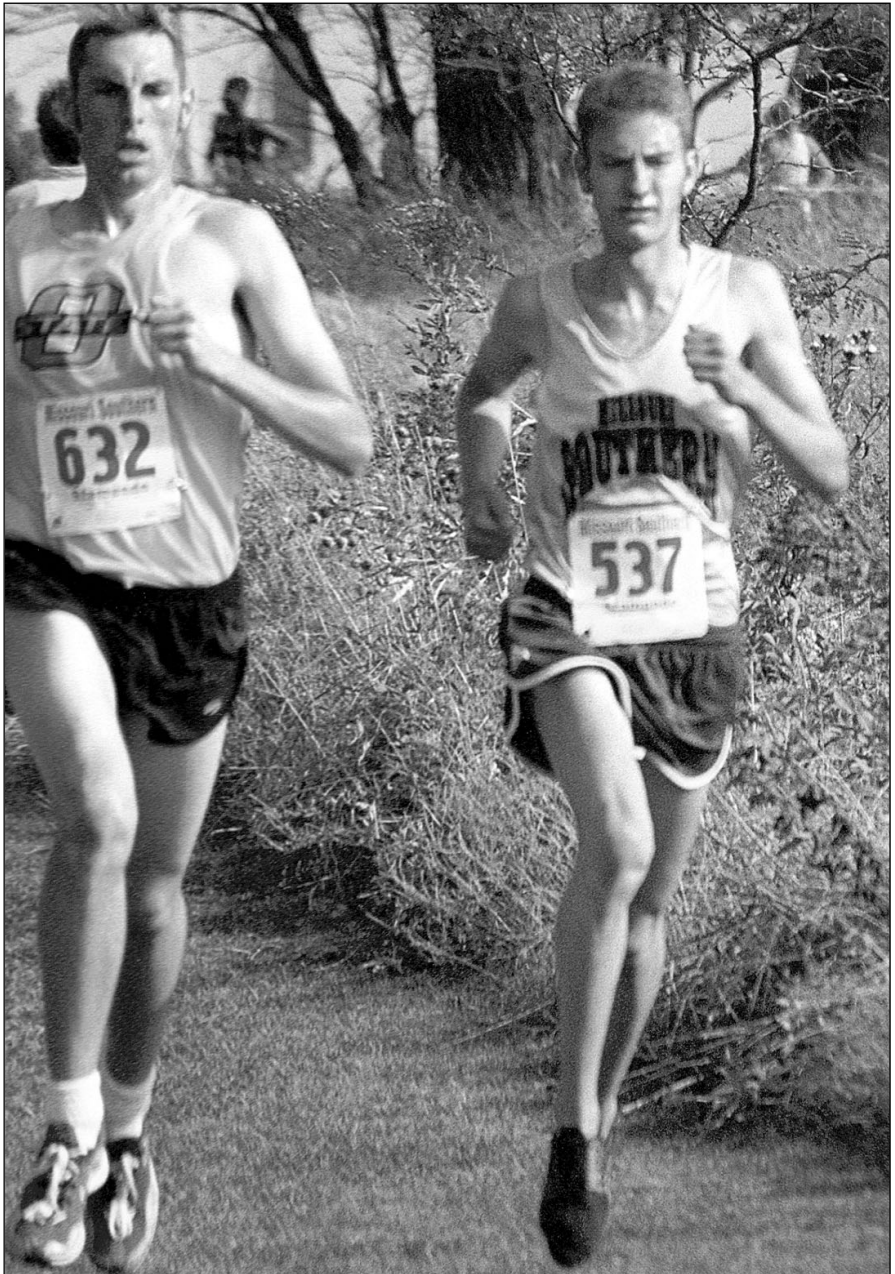
Editor-in-Chief

Lions, Gorillas, Bears, Razorbacks, Cowboys and Sooners all stampeded Sept. 18 at Missouri Southern. Southern hosted the 16th-annual Southern Stampede cross country meet. 1,189 runners competed in the meet this year in the men's and women's college meets and the girls' and boys' high school meets. Tom Rutledge, head men's cross country coach, said more than 300 runners also ran in the 5K fun run held after the four official races, bring the total number of runners this year to about 1,400. Rutledge said 74 schools, from high schools to junior colleges, colleges and universities, competed in the four races.

He said no other sport Southern competes in brings some of the competition that Southern Stampede brings in, including several Division I teams. "I always feel great about (the Stampede)," Rutledge said. "It's one of the largest meets in the United States." He said about 2,500 spectators showed up to watch the races. "We've created a monster in some ways," he said. "It was probably the largest Stampede we've had," said Patty Vavra, head women's cross country coach. The college women's 5K race was won by Mirriam Kuamba from Oklahoma Baptist University with a time of 16:30.81. Jessica Eldridge, from the University of Oklahoma, came in second with a time of 16:41.96. OU took top honors in the team contest with 72 points. The University of Arkansas finished second with 79 points. Rounding out the top six were Southwest Missouri State University, Truman State University, the University of Tulsa and OBU. The Lions' top finisher was Megan Russell, junior, who placed 24th overall with a time of 18:26.32. The team finished in ninth place with 230 points.

"I think we're on track," Vavra said. "We beat some pretty good teams." She said she thought Southern's top three runners ran well. "We just had too many places between our third runner and our fourth and fifth runners," she said. In the college men's 8K race, Josphat Boit, from the UA, placed first overall with a time of 23:54.82. He was followed by Mark Fountain, who was unattached, with a time of 24:14.44. Marc Rodrigues, from UA, was a close third putting up a time of 24:14.72. The Razorbacks also took top honors in the team standings with 20 points. Second place went to Harding University with 72 points, and the Oklahoma State University Cowboys came in third with 95 points. OU, SMSU and Southern completed the top 6 teams. The Lions' top finisher in the 8k was Paul Koehler, senior, who placed 37th with a time of 26:01.60. "I felt we competed as a team very well," Rutledge said. "We did alright. We should have beaten Oklahoma, and we should have beaten SMS. If we had run at our best, we should have beaten those two teams." He said the team is having to depend on some freshmen who "just aren't quite there."

"We have a pretty good team," Rutledge said. "I really think we can (return to conference, regionals and nationals)." Eureka High School won both girls' and boys' high school division 1 race, and East Newton High School took top honors for both races in division 2. Both Southern's women's and men's teams will take a week off. The women will head to Chicago Oct. 2 to race at the Loyola Lakefront Invitational. The men head to Stillwater, Okla. Oct. 2 to race at the Oklahoma State Jamboree. Both coaches said the Oct. 2 meets are also large meets. They said the teams will work harder on the week off, before heading to their respective meets.



T.J. Gerlach/The Chart

The Lions' Paul Koehler races against an OSU runner in the men's 8K race.



T.J. Gerlach/The Chart

Southern's Megan Russell and Erin Click race side-by-side early in the women's 5K race. Russell was the Lion's top finisher.



T.J. Gerlach/The Chart

Seamus O'Donnell, senior forward, attempts to wrestle the ball away from two St. Mary's University players during the Sept. 18 game. The Lions lost the game to STMU, 3-2 in overtime.

Fatigue causes lack of focus

Men's Soccer ties No. 1 team in nation, loses on controversial call in overtime

By T.J. Gerlach

Editor-in-Chief

With a controversial call and an ejection, Missouri Southern's men's soccer team lost its Sept. 18 game, after playing to a draw the night before.

On Sept. 17, the Lions tied the University of the Incarnate Word Cardinals 2-2 at home. Kiley Cirillo, head men's soccer coach, said UIWM is ranked No. 1 in the nation.

"We played very spirited," Cirillo said. "We did what we had to do and created some opportunities."

Cirillo said the team has been having some problems with putting the ball into the back of the net.

UIWM scored first in the 13th minute of the game. Southern's

Seamus O'Donnell, senior forward, scored in the 31st minute, with the assist from Drew Whitworth, freshman midfielder, to tie the score. UIWM pulled ahead again five minutes later.

In the second half, the Lions' Tucker Prater, freshman midfielder, scored with Whitworth earning a second assist.

The Lions earned a total of 12 shots in the game to the Cardinals 38.

"We did some good things that game," Cirillo said. "We played the No. 1 team, and we didn't sit back and pack it in. We tried to do our best and take it to them."

On Sept. 18, the St. Mary's University Rattlers came to Boden Field to take on the Lions.

Southern took an early lead when Shawn Jiwanlal, freshman forward,

scored, unassisted, in the 4th minute.

The Rattlers first goal came in the 35th minute, with the second coming 10 seconds before halftime. Neil Stoessel, freshman defender, tied the game in the 56th minute.

Regulation time ended with the score still tied at 2-2.

In the 7th minute of overtime, STMU's Scott Kilpatrick knocked the ball out of Travis Haight's, sophomore goalkeeper, hands and scored. The play angered the several Lions, who began yelling at the referee. Patrick Kelley, sophomore defender, received a red card at this time.

"It's tough to stay that mentally focused after a big [game]," Cirillo said.

He said the team was fatigued after the game against UIWM.

"[You] worry about the things you

can control and not about the things you can't," Cirillo said. "You can't control what the ref is going to do."

Cirillo said finally the team is mad. "Two things: They believe in themselves because of what they did Friday [Sept. 17] night," he said. "And they're mad about Saturday."

He said the combination of the two should take the team a long way and begin to turn the season around.

"In this conference, every game is a big deal because you can't slack off," Cirillo said.

The Lions traveled to Rolla Sept. 22 to play the University of Missouri-Rolla Miners. The Lions lost the game 2-0.

The Lions' next game is 3 p.m. Friday at Boden Field against West Texas A&M University.

Lions to take on Griffons in Homecoming game

By Jacob W. Brower

Staff Writer

Missouri Southern's match-up this Saturday against the Missouri Western State College Griffons features two teams looking to go over .500 heading into the second half of the season.

The Lions and Griffons are both 2-2 overall and 1-1 in MIAA play. Southern leads the series 19-15, but has not beaten Missouri Western since 1998 and was trounced 33-6 last year in St. Joseph by the eventual co-conference champions.

Both teams head into the game coming off of losses to conference foes. Southern lost a 40-33 heartbreaker to then-No. 15 Central Missouri State last Saturday, while MWSC was defeated 33-30 by Emporia (Kan.) State.

The game appears to be a classic match-up of high-powered offense versus smashmouth defense. The Lions are seventh in the nation and second in the MIAA only to Pittsburg (Kan.) State in total offense with 513 yards per game. They are also fourth in the nation and second in the conference to Missouri-Rolla in passing offense with 328.8 yards per game through the air.

The Griffons feature the sixth-stringest defense in the MIAA, allowing only 333 yards and 25.5 points per game. The Lions have scored 37.8 points per game, the third highest in the MIAA.

"I'm amazed at what (the Griffons) have been able to do," Lions head coach John Ware said. "This is going to be the best defensive line we've faced this year."

The Griffons defense is led by junior linebacker Tony Matzke and sophomore defensive end Michael Cobbins. Matzke's 38 tackles are third in the MIAA and Cobbins is tied for second in the conference with five tackles for losses.

The Lions will once again rely on the strong right arm of freshman quarterback Nathan Emert in hopes of neutralizing the Griffons' front seven. Emert is first in the MIAA and fourth in the nation in total offense, accounting for 339.5 yards per game.

His favorite target has been senior wide receiver DeMarcus Mathes, whose 30 receptions lead the MIAA. He is second in the conference and

seventh in the nation in receiving yards with 471.

With three of the Lions' receivers listed on the injury report, Mathes will likely see a good share of balls coming his way on Saturday. His backup, Dustin Bromley, is doubtful for this week's game and starter Tyson Basore will likely be a game-time decision. Backup Colin Bado is listed on the injury report as well, but offensive coordinator Keeth Matheny said he will likely suit up for Saturday's game.

"Last week, DeMarcus played 90 snaps and some other guys stepped up as well," Matheny said. "We're going to do as much as we need to make sure our passing game is effective this week."

To open up the passing game, Matheny will be giving sophomore running back Wentric Williams a good amount of carries against the Griffons. Williams leads the MIAA and is seventh in the nation with 533 rushing yards.

"We want to give Wentric the rock as much as we can," Matheny said. "We've been really pleased with the way we've been able to get the running game established. The easiest pass for us to complete is a handoff to the running back."

The Griffons are fourth in the conference in total offense with 437.5 yards per game while the Lions are seventh in total defense, yielding 386.8 yards per game. MWSC is led by senior quarterback Michael Cooper, who has completed 53 percent of his passes for 825 yards, seven touchdowns and six interceptions.

MWSC running back Nick Richardson is fifth in the conference with 351 rushing yards and three rushing touchdowns, but will likely split carries with sophomore Jamison Burns, who is listed as the starter for Saturday's game.

Southern's defense is led by linebacker Atiba Bradley, who has recorded 27 tackles and 1.5 sacks. He shares the conference lead in forced fumbles (two) with Southern cornerback Moses Manga and two other players.

Junior free safety Blake Martin leads the Lions with 29 tackles, 17 of which were unassisted. Freshman defensive end B.J. Russow has 3.5 sacks on the season, while junior linebacker Joe Bettasso has recorded three sacks.

CHEER

Students tie the knot after meeting at cheer camp

By David Haut

Managing Editor

Grahm and Candice Dickinson have a lot to cheer about.

Both senior finance majors, the married couple has overcome odds and expectations to get where they are today.

Almost three years ago, Grahm and Candice became engaged. While being engaged is not unique, the way it happened is.

"She proposed to me in the car," Grahm said.

Candice didn't have a ring, Grahm didn't have much money, and it was a mere 18 days after their first date.

To make it official, Grahm blindfolded Candice, took her to a candlelit picnic and gave her a ring.

Six months later, to the day, the two tied the knot in Newkirk, Okla.

"We expected people to be skeptical," Candice said. "Our parents pretty much trusted our judgment."

"[People] think it's really cool now that we're married, and we're still married," she said. "And that I'm not pregnant."

The two met at Cowley Community College in Arc City, Kan., during cheer practice on spring break. Candice was on the squad and Grahm transferred at the break. The first practice was on Jan. 6, 2002.

Grahm took Candice out for her birthday on Feb. 1, which was their first date. They went to dinner, drove around and stayed up late talking. The rest is history.

The marriage has helped the Dickinson's in school.

"It made us better students," Candice said. "We will both graduate with high honors. The reason for that is we keep each other accountable."

After cheering competitively at Cowley, the two were eager to join the squad at Southern, as long as school came first. The Dickinson's chose Southern for its classes; cheerleading was a bonus.

"We didn't even know if we were going to cheer or not," Grahm said. "We picked the college first."

Grahm is now the captain of the squad. The team practices twice a week and cheers at all home football and basketball games.

"We love the people on the squad," Candice said. "They're not just teammates, they're literally our best friends."

The two plan to cheer for the remainder



Andy Tevis/The Chart

Grahm and Candice Dickinson are the only married members of the Missouri Southern cheer team.

of their time at Southern before pursuing graduate studies. Grahm will study law and Candice plans to go into financial planning, although they don't yet know which university they will attend.

No matter where they go, the Dickinson's would like to return to the area.

"We love it here," Candice said. "Someday we would like to raise our kids here [in Joplin]."

"They're the type that if you want a new thing done, they've already thought of it," said Karen Talbatt, head cheerleading coach.

"Being married hasn't seemed to be a problem at all. They're highly motivated, extremely intelligent, gifted kids."

The toughest part of their married life is spending time alone. During their first semester at Southern, their jobs had conflicting hours, leaving them little time to spend together.

Currently, Candice works in the Learning Center and Grahm works in the Student Activities Office.

Despite being seniors, the two plan to graduate in May of 2006 and then head to graduate school.

Ladies remain confident after loss

By David Haut

Managing Editor

Tense fans and tight defense kept the Lions volleyball match close Sept. 22 against Washburn University.

Seniors Jackie Gallagher and Sara Jaynes led the Lions with 14 kills each. Sophomore Ashley Mehrer and freshman Sarah Hoffmeister followed with 12 and six respectively.

"I thought our team played great," Gallagher said. "Toward the end we made errors that cost us every single game."

The Lions were neck and neck with WU every game. Neither team led any game by more than four points. The Lions lost each game by only two points.

"I'm very happy with the way we played," said head coach Chris Willis. "We played the 19th-ranked team in the country, and all three games we put ourselves in a position to win. That's what I ask from my team, 'put ourselves in a position to win.'"

The loss puts the Lions 5-7 overall and 1-1 in MIAA conference play. Nationally-ranked WU moved to 14-2.

"I think that tonight was a night we showed another team in the MIAA that we're a very good team," Gallagher said. "We're not upset. Even though we lost we have a lot of confidence. Going into Emporia and Central we are going to give them a run for their money."

Willis said his strategy is to keep things the same.

"We have to play at this level every

game," he said. "We need to learn how to finish games. The mark of a good team is one that will go through the growing pains of learning how to win tight games. Right now we're struggling with that."

Students and faculty were on hand to support the Lions the Homecoming week game. The Campus Activities Board passed out free T-shirts and soft drinks during the game as well.

The Lions will travel to Emporia State University on Friday and Warrensburg on Saturday to face Central Missouri State University.

Their schedule will continue through October into November. The MIAA tournament will take place on Nov. 9-13.

Their next home match will be against Truman State University at 7 p.m. in the Young Gym.



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The volleyball team celebrates a point earned during their first match of the Sept. 22 home game against Washburn University.